



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Satoru MAEDA et al.

Serial No. : 09/996,007

For : INFORMATION PROCESSING METHOD AND APPARATUS AND RECORDING MEDIUM

Filed : November 28, 2001

Examiner : David R. Osteen

Art Unit : 2623

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**Mail Stop Amendment**  
**Commissioner for Patents**  
**P.O. Box 1450**  
**Alexandria, VA 22313-1450**

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

No additional fee is required.  
 The fee has been calculated as shown below.  
 This is an application of a small entity under 37 CFR 1.9(f), and the amounts shown in parentheses apply.

**Claims as Amended**

| (1)                                     | (2)<br>Claims remaining after<br>amendment | (3)   | (4)<br>Highest<br>number<br>previously<br>paid for | (5)<br>Present extra | (6)<br>Rate | (7)<br>Additional<br>Fee |
|---|--|-------|--|----------------------|-------------|--------------------------|
| Total claims                            | 13   | Minus | ** = 20  | *0x                  | \$50 (25)   | =\$0                     |
| Independent claims                      | 9  | Minus | *** = 12   | *0x                  | \$200 (100) | =\$0                     |
| Total additional fee for this amendment |  |       |  |                      |             | \$0                      |

\* If the entry in Column 2 is less than the entry in Column 4, write "0" in Column 5.

\*\* If the highest number of total claims previously paid for is less than 20, write "20" in this space.

\*\*\* If the highest number of independent claims previously paid for is less than 3, write "3" in this space.

This application contains a multiple dependent claim. The required fee of \$360(180) has been previously paid , or is paid herewith .

This response is being filed within the first month following the expiration of the term originally set therefore. This is a petition to request a one-month extension of time. A check covering the cost of the petition is enclosed.

A check in the amount of \$120.00 is attached, which covers the cost of  additional claims  petition for extension of time.

Charge \$    to Deposit Account No. 50-0320.

Please charge any additional fees incurred by reason of this response or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0320.

**FIRST CLASS MAIL CERTIFICATE**

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: **Mail Stop Amendment, Commissioner For Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450**, on September 1, 2006.

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Respectfully submitted,

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September 1, 2006  
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